

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Pursuant to Supervisory Patent Examiner Eric Stamber's Interview Summary Record faxed on April 21, 2003 (copy attached hereto), the finality of the Official Action of March 12, 2003 was withdrawn.

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesies extended during the Examiner interview held on June 12, 2003.

Claims 1-13 and 22 are pending. New claim 22 has been added to secure the appropriate scope of protection to which applicants are believed entitled. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended in accordance with discussions held with the Examiner during the Examiner interview.

The rejection of claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. 101, 35 U.S.C. 102, 35 U.S.C. 103 and 35 U.S.C. 112 are believed overcome in view of the above amendments to claims 1 and 8 and the rejection should be withdrawn.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, please charge any shortage in fee due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account No. 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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